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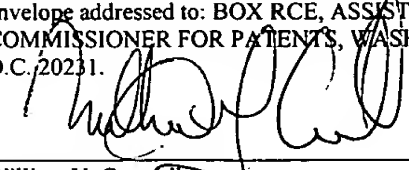
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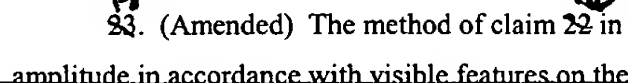
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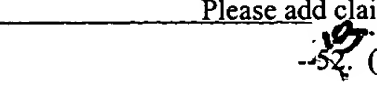
Prior to further examination, please amend the subject application as follows:


In the Claims


Please amend claims as follows:


22. (Amended) The method of claim 22 in which the encoding is locally scaled in amplitude in accordance with visible features on the document

Please add claims as follows:


52. (New) The photo identification document of claim 18 having human-readable information formed thereon, and wherein the steganographic encoding represents data that is redundant with at least some of said human-readable information.


53. (New) The photo identification document of claim 18 having human-readable information formed thereon, and wherein the steganographic encoding represents data that is correlated with, but not redundant of, the human-readable information.


54. (New) The photo identification document of claim 18 having both human-readable information and a barcode formed thereon.